

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

815 St. Mary's Church Rd.
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)
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Online Giving: \$ 205.00

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St. Mary Intentions this week

Francisco Gomez & Maria Arranz Alfau †
Harold & Evelyn Ilse †
Jeffrey Raska †
The family of August Canik, Jr.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



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**Father Nock will celebrate
private Masses, Daily & Sunday**

St. John Intentions this week

Dec'd Members of the Prihoda &

Chovanec Family †

Julie Ryza †

Bennie Kaspar †

Frank & Agnes Stastny †

The Henry & Hermina Svrcek Family

Emma Schley †

For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



St. Martin Catholic Church

World's Smallest Catholic Church

Historic Chapel

3490 S. Hwy 237

Round Top

(near Warrenton)

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

March 28-29 -- Fifth Sunday of Lent

In this Sunday's readings we hear God's promise of spirit and life. We do not have to remain entombed by fear, selfishness, jealousy, greed or any other evil that kills God's life in us. Jesus passed through suffering and death so that we might have abundant life. What is the new life God is calling us to experience? What tomb do we need to leave in order to live in God's freedom and fullness of life?

Marzo 28-29 -- Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

En las lecturas de este domingo escuchamos la promesa de Dios de espíritu y vida. No tenemos que permanecer sepultados por el miedo, el egoísmo, la envidia, la ambición o cualquier otra maldad que mata la vida de Dios en nosotros. Jesús pasó por el sufrimiento y la muerte para que pudiéramos tener vida abundante ¿Cuál es la nueva vida que Dios nos está llamando a experimentar? ¿Qué tumba debemos de abandonar para vivir en la libertad de Dios y en la plenitud de la vida?

FAMILY CONNECTION

Fifth Sunday of Lent

John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.



Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and confidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life.

Gather your family today and read today's Gospel in its shorter form, John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45. Write Jesus' promise from today's Gospel ("I am the resurrection and the life.") on a large sheet of white paper. As your family talks about what Jesus means by this promise, decorate Jesus' words with symbols that will remind you of his promise of eternal life.

Display this reminder of Jesus' promise in a prominent place in your home and keep it there until Easter. Pray that you will always remain confident in Jesus' promise of eternal life. Conclude by praying together the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed.

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Marriage preparation: Contact the priest before setting the date and at least nine months before the date desired.

Baptism Preparation Classes will be held on the fourth Monday of each month. Parents & Godparents must have attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years of the Baptism. Contact the parish office to register.

Parish Registration forms available at the entrance of the Church and online.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 29, AD 2020

ST. JOHN'S & ST. MARY'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Randy Hoelscher, J.D. Kovar, Jordan Lee, Justin Malota Sr., Anita Marek, Johnny Marek, Susan Lee, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Veronica Miller, Dr. Tom Mueller, Garland Polasek, Joe Simpson, Larry Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Elroy Spanihel, Judy Supak, Barbara Tieken, Bennie Volcik, and Maggie Williams.

THANK YOU to all who are helping your neighbors and family during these difficult times. If you know of anyone who needs additional help, please contact the parish office.

BISHOP JOE VÁSQUEZ HAS DECREED: "Out of pastoral concern for the people of central Texas, I am suspending all public Masses and liturgies throughout the diocese, effective immediately. While I hoped we would be able to continue to celebrate public Mass, I made this decision after prayerful discernment and in light of recent recommendations from public health officials." Visit www.austindiocese.org for the full decree and for the most up-to-date news regarding COVID-19 prevention measures.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I CANNOT ATTEND MASS?

Mass is available through several television, internet, radio and subscription outlets in the Diocese of Austin. Please visit the diocese website for specific times, websites, and channels: <https://www.austindiocese.org/mass-on-the-air>

TIPS FOR PARTICIPATING IN MASS FROM HOME

- Prepare as though you were going to a physical church location. Set a specific time, dress accordingly, silence your cell phone.
- Create a sacred space by placing a crucifix, sacred art, and candles on a table near where you will be watching the Mass.
- During Mass, respond out loud to the prayers said by the priest. Use your bible or missal to follow along with the readings of the day. Sing along during the hymns. If there is no music during the live stream Mass, find and listen to a couple hymns online.
- Take a few moments to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

OTHER WAYS TO OBSERVE SUNDAY

- Read your Bible
- Read the Sunday readings in your Word Among Us
- Read the Sunday readings and listen to the reflection <http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections/>
- Pray the Liturgy of the Hours using the Laudate app for mobile devices, which includes prayers, daily readings, etc.
- Spiritual Communion, an expression of one's passionate desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and is a loving embrace as though one has already received Him.

My Dearest Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION continues to be important during these times: You can drop off or mail your weekly contributions to the parish office.

ONLINE GIVING IS A GREAT WAY TO GIVE, ESPECIALLY IN OUR CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. To get started, sign yourself up on the parish website's "[Make a Donation](#)" page or fill out an authorization form found at the entrance of the Church and return it to the parish office. If you need help on how to set it up, please call the parish office. We really appreciate your support of our parishes in these troubled times.

Easter flower donations may be dropped off at the parish office or made online at our website under "[make a donation](#)" specifying the amount under "other donation" with the note "Easter Flowers." Your donations are very appreciated.

CRS Rice Bowl! Continue to fill your CRS Rice Bowl! You can bring your full box to the Church at Easter. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



1870 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 2020
Celebrating 150 Years

THE BEGINNING of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church dates back to the 1850s and 1860s when the Czech Moravian immigrants arrived and began to settle in and around the Fayetteville area. They – primarily Catholics – left their homeland because of the Austro-Hungarian Empire's occupation of their land.

EVENT UPDATES

- ❖ **ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY:** *Our Annual raffle and fundraiser has been postponed.* The event will be rescheduled for a later date, to be determined soon.
- ❖ **PENANCE SERVICE:** Lenten Communal Penance services have been canceled.
- ❖ **FAITH FORMATION:** There will be no classes on March 25 and April 1.
- ❖ **FIRST COMMUNION:** We are still scheduled to celebrate, with our second grade Faith Formation students, the Sacrament of First Eucharist at St. John Catholic Church on Sunday, **April 26.** Please keep them in your prayers!
- ❖ **ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** There will not be a meeting on April 1.

WHAT DO I DO WHEN THERE IS NO PUBLIC MASS ON PALM SUNDAY?

Father Nock will bless palms on Palm Sunday and make them available to parishioners that day and throughout Holy Week. We plan to have the blessed Palms available after 10 a.m. at both churches on Palm Sunday. Please come pick up your palms and celebrate the coming of our Lord to save us!



ST. MARY CHURCH IN ELLINGER will be available for adoration and visitation of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. John Church will be open daily for prayer and visitation of the Eucharist.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS until "things get back to normal" will be come and go. The best way to reach us is to email us at stsjm@stjohnfayetteville.com or you can call and leave a message at the office. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

All of us are understandably experiencing uncertainty and anxiety due to the spread of COVID-19. The severity of the situation has forced our leaders to make significant changes in our daily lives including suspending publicly celebrated Masses. These changes likely leave us even more in need of God's grace.

I, personally, miss seeing each of you at the Masses that I am celebrating, but know you are in my heart. A sense of community is of the utmost importance. We must encourage each other, take care of each other, pray for each other and stay connected to our faith during this time of social distancing.

As long as Fayette County is not under a 'shelter at home' order I will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. John the Baptist. I am available Tuesday through Friday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday evenings from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Families, I ask you to keep up your responsibilities as the Domestic Church in this time of global pandemic. Please pray regularly with your children and other family members at home. Respecting the Holy Sabbath is even more challenging during this time, and though you cannot be physically present at Sunday Mass you should still participate in its celebration through media outlets. Please take part in one of the many "Mass Broadcasts," found on our website, so that together we may continue to live a common religious experience in which the religious values of contemplation and enjoyment of God are celebrated.

Embrace of Hope

"The Church is not distant from your troubles, but accompanies you with affection. The Lord is near you and he takes you by the hand."

Father Nock, Pastor